IT HAPPENED IN 2005

NOTABLE:

• Movies: “Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire,” “Mr. & Mrs. Smith,” “Brokeback Mountain,” “Batman Begins,” “Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith.”

• Live 8 concerts happen in members of the G8 cities around the world to put pressure on the Leaders of the G8 countries to do more for the world’s poor.

• Microsoft releases the Xbox 360 gaming console in North America.

SPORTS:

• Lance Armstrong wins a record seventh straight Tour de France before his scheduled retirement.

• Super Bowl XXXIX – New England Patriots defeat Philadelphia Eagles (24-21) at Jacksonville, Florida.

• 2005 MLB World Series – The Chicago White Sox sweep the Houston Astros 4 games to 0 to win the World Series for the first time since 1917.

• NBA Finals – San Antonio Spurs win their third NBA title in the past seven years, defeating the Detroit Pistons in the first seven-game NBA Finals in eleven years.

HEADLINES:

• George W. Bush starts his second term as 43rd President of the United States.

• Pope John Paul II dies; over 4 million people travel to the Vatican to mourn him.

• Hurricane Katrina strikes the Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama coastal areas.

• W. Mark Felt is confirmed to be “Deep Throat.”

• Surgeons in France carry out the first human face transplant.